

LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE USER GROUP MEETING

5 PM, Thursday, June 28, 2012

Items:

New Lake Hood Office Personnel Introductions

John Stocker – Interim Airport Manager
Tim Coons – Assisting Airport Manager
Kimber Amundson – Leasing Officer

Summer/Fall 2012 Construction Updates

(Tim Lufkin, AIA Operations/John Stocker, Interim Airport Manager)

A. **Lake Hood Strip (Z41) Lighting Project** – complete – Tim Lufkin reported successful renewal of lighting at Lake Hood Strip (Z41) featuring all new fixtures and state of the art LED lights. Mr. Fishback (hangar owner) reported no problems with runway closure. A question was fielded about LED performance in snow and it was explained that while LEDs do not inherently produce as much heat as conventional lights, the increased height of the new fixtures should hold them clear and visible during snow events.

B. **ANC TWY E Construction** – ANC TWY E is undergoing phased renovation this summer, so please remain vigilant when using TWY V, particularly near the TWY E intersection. Activities will at times require specific restrictions/notices, so please as always, refer to the current NOTAMs and at all times during the project maintain heightened awareness of personnel/equipment/construction. Of note, the initial phase (July) is adjacent to the TWYs E & V intersection and all phases will feature increased activity in the area.

C. **LHD Bank Stabilization Project**

-Lake Spenard – this area of the project is completed and the applicable permit holders notified to relocate. We're very glad that a few new spaces were produced in the project. John Stocker emphasized permit holders need to review special addendums to revamped spaces. Additionally, the revamped spaces have been renumbered (to account for the new spaces) and updated space number markers will be put up shortly.

-Lake Hood – work nearly completed, notification to relocate permit holders to relocate projected for end of week July 9, 2012 pending reseeding completion.

D. **East Airpark Storm Drain Project**

- Alpha & Bravo Aprons - Tim Lufkin reported that the planned upgrades are expected to be combined with projected Alpha and Bravo aprons repaving and electrical upgrades. The project is currently slated for the summer of 2013.

-Charlie Apron- anticipate a short term temporary relocation end of July/ early August 2012 to for this apron. Notifications as applicable will be forthcoming and every attempt made to minimize inconvenience. Thanks in advance for understanding and cooperation from all those involved.

E. **Lake Hood Strip (Z41) Magnetic-Variation Runway Designation Change**

- RWY 13/31 change to 14/32 tentatively November 9, 2012 to coincide with the Publication Cycle.

Operations (John Stocker)

A. **Signage Changes** – the Z41 parallel taxiway will likely be renamed to bring the nomenclature more into line with current practice. Right now we're considering proposing a two-letter taxiway identifier with no overlap with ANC to try and minimize any potential confusion.

B. **Lake Hood and the FAA AK Sup** - John Stocker handed out copies of the current airport diagram as featured in the AK Sup and requested user feedback on current diagram, particularly the notes

and labels. It was offered from the floor (Mr. Akers) that it would be useful to show the take-off/landing areas as designated for the use of both float and ski planes.

C. NOTAMs – Water and ski airplane lanes were discussed for use at your own risk use.

Float Waitlist (John Stocker) – Hope to start notification of perhaps 20 spaces in July/ August.

Environmental (Scott Lytle, AIA Environmental)

A. **General Aviation Noise** – Scott Lytle, discussed current noise concerns, abatement procedures and noise reporting/surveying. A general discussion, notably featuring input from Cathy Gleason, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) representative, ensued. Community impact was raised and options offered from the floor to prevent disturbances, reinforce basic friendly flying principles and the value of peers notifying fellow pilots who are not best applying noise abatement. TCC remarked that noise this summer seemed excessive, and a meeting attendee remarked the runway had been closed early this spring which may have made a return to operations seem more intrusive. Mr. Akers voiced lessons learned on take-off lane selection and urged that it be ensured that Tower is instructing pilots about noise abatement procedures during the evening and early morning.

Note: a reminder that noise complaints may be filed on the website.

B. **Weed / Invasive Plant Control** - Scott Lytle, discussed Canary Grass and actions being taken to remove it from the lake. He noted that the Weed Harvester should be running next week, 20 feet from shore

ATIS Phone Update - (John Stocker) Basic hardware & lines are in place and we are awaiting additional components. Should be up and running by August 1, 2012.

Note:

- Lake Hood ATIS line will be 245-5432 (LHDA)
- Anchorage International ATIS line will be 243-2847 (ATIS)

General and Closing Comments

- Safety on the taxiway regarding pedestrian/automobile traffic was raised from the floor as an ongoing and pressing concern. Suggestions included stronger signage and setting NOTAMs to remind pilots of pedestrian traffic.
 - Safety on the taxiway regarding aircraft taxing on Lakeshore Taxiway was raised with a suggestion of a CTAF frequency for the taxiway. ANC ATCT mentioned they are actively reviewing that capability. More information to come.
 - It was requested that a new Airport Master Plan be available for review.
 - Mr. Ackers offered prepared comments and voiced his ongoing concerns regarding airport upgrades, operations and land usage.
 - Mr John Parrott (AIA Manager) thanked all for participating and expressed his appreciation of everyone's valuable comments, questions and insights offered. He encouraged the use of the website and selecting the option to have the Airport Newsletter electronically mailed.
- (Note: www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/ select Gov Delivery option on web page)

Next Meeting - Projected for September 2012.

Attendees:

- Cathy Gleason, Community Council
- Merle Akers, Pilot
- Dean Rampy, Pilot

- John Pratt, Seaplane Pilots Association
- Mary O'Connor, Pilot
- Brandon Cintula, Pilot
- Jim Seeley, Lake Hood Pilots Association
- Ken Clark, FLT STD FAA
- Scott Christy, Lake Hood Pilots Association
- Steve Strait, Aviation Advisory Board
- Steve Fishback, Pilot
- Greg Holt, FAA
- Bob Lewis, FAA
- Carol Sarber, 135 Pilot
- Dave Beckett, Pilot
- Mark Brys, FAA
- Jordan Erickson, FAA
- Jane Dale, AKAA
- Deborah Culver, Pilot
- Dee Hanson, AK Airmen's Association
- David Karolunas, FAA
- **Airport and DOT Staff:**
 - John Parrott, Airport Manager
 - John Stocker, Interim LHD Airport Manager
 - Tim Coons, Anchorage & LHD Airport
 - Mike Lee, Anchorage Airport
 - Scott Lytle, Anchorage Airport
 - Zaramie Lindseth, Anchorage Airport
 - Terri Tibbe, Anchorage Airport
 - Tim Lufkin, Anchorage Airport
 - Kimber Amundson, LHD Airport